

REMARKS

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment better defines Applicants' invention.

In parent application 09/845,136, the Examiner was of the view that U.S. Patent 5,751,672 (Yankowski) in combination with U.S. Patent 6,587,127 (Leeke) rendered Applicants' invention obvious. It is respectfully submitted, this combination fails to teach the invention defined by claims 20-31 submitted herewith.

Claims 20-31 all recite the features of storing a server address in an updatable database; accessing the server via the Internet; obtaining from the server, through the Internet, the address of a website that relates to the media associated with the database content, the website address being different from the server address; accessing the website obtained from the server; and updating the content of the database at any time through the Internet by connecting the database to the website address obtained from the server. In Yankowski, information in a database is updated from a remote database that is contacted by, for example, a computer or CD changer. The address of the remote database is fixed, and would mean that the remote database should be carefully maintained and updated, which could be expensive to the organization that is charged with maintaining that remote database. In contrast, the present invention merely calls for the address of a server to be stored in the local database; and the server then sends to the user the website of the Internet location at which the carefully maintained and updated database is stored and from which the user may obtain information to update his local database. Consequently, the task of maintaining and updating the database in which the user is interested no longer is the responsibility of the server whose address is stored in the local database. Rather, it now is the responsibility of the organizations that wish to maintain the remote databases storing information

in which the user is particularly interested. As a result, updated and new information may be provided faster, more accurately and easier.

In applying Leeke to Applicants' claims, the Examiner contended that col. 44, lines 11-29, col. 51, lines 45-51 and Fig. 50 of Leeke teach the feature of accessing a website based on the address of that website as obtained from the server. However, column 44 of Leeke simply states that information associated with a music item is obtained from the Internet -- but there is no suggestion that the website address is obtained from a server whose own Internet address differs from the Internet address of the source of that information. Column 51, lines 45-51 constitute portions of Leeke's claims 6 and 7, which have no bearing on this feature; and Fig. 50 illustrates information that is displayed for use in rating a music item.

Thus, the combination of Yankowski and Leeke fail to suggest the features of claim 20:

means for obtaining from the server, through the Internet, an address of a website relating to the media, said website address being different than said server address;

means for accessing, through the Internet, the website at the address of the website obtained from the server; and

means for updating said content of the database at any time through the Internet by connecting said database to said address of the website obtained from the server.

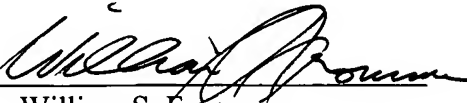
Consequently, claim 20 is unobvious over Yankowski in view of Leeke.

Claims 24 and 28 are independent claims that include features similar to the aforequoted limitations of claim 20. Consequently, it follows that claims 24 and 28 are unobvious over Yankowski in view of Leeke for the same reasons discussed above.

All the remaining claims depend from a respective one of claims 20, 24 and 28. Since these dependent claims include all of the limitations of those claims from which they depend, it is submitted that all of the claims in this application are patentably distinct over the combination

of Yankowski and Leeke; and are in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP

By: 
William S. Frommer
Reg. No. 25,506
(212) 588-0800